



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 19, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Jerome Warfield
Toney Stewart (**ABS**)
Adela Rivera

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
2nd DC Melvin Turner
Cmdr. James White
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Insp. Leslie Montgomery
Lt. Harold Rochon
Lt. Monique Patterson
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O-Steen
Sgt. Michael Dailey
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Robert Jackson
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Roland Clark
P.O. Treen Williams
P.O. Lucretia Wright
P.O. Roland Clark

Board Staff Present

Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Dalph Watson, Director of Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Phyllis Hernandez
Rev. Horace Jennings

Bernice Smith
Edward Moore

Marc Deldin
Lawanda Hail-Ruffin

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

Lisa Little

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Griffin called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, November 19, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, November 12, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Warfield seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

1. CHAIRPERSON

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MONITOR

SEE ATTACHMENT

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- **Next meeting:**

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On November 11, 2009, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to 12000 block of Longacre on a “Cutting” run and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Unlawful Imprisonment, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault).”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	20500 Conant	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	892-5456
	7737 Kercheval	* 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	* 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

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Twelfth Precinct

On November 14, 2009, officers of the Twelfth Precinct responded to the 300 block of Whitmore on a "Person with a Weapon." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felon in Possession, Felonious Assault, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 4th."



Southwestern District

On November 13, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the area of Fort and Dearborn on an "Accident with Injuries" run. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "2nd Degree Murder, Manslaughter in a Moving Vehicle, Negligent Homicide, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Injury, Driving While License was Suspended, and Operating While Intoxicated."



Northeastern District

On November 12, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 1000 block of Joliet Place on a "Robbery Armed." Subsequent to their investigation, four subjects were arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Financial Transaction Device-Stealing/Retaining Without Owner's Consent, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 3rd." Weapons and property taken were recovered.

Central District

On November 14, 2009, while patrolling the area of Woodward and Putnam, officers of the Central District were notified of a robbery that just occurred. As a result of their quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with "Armed Robbery."

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION FROM TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

SEE ATTACHMENT

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Subcommittee

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to allow Dante' L. Goss to be carried on the books until January 15, 2010 using his vacation time.

SECOND: Comm. Warfield seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Atty. Washington gave a status update of some old business.

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9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, November 24, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm.328-A
Detroit, MI 48226**

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

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ATTACHMENTS

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
November 19, 2009
3:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Good afternoon, everyone. We're calling the Board of Police Commissioners meeting to order. I am Commissioner Griffin, the Chair. I have Commissioner Mohamed Okdie, Vice Chair of the Board. I have Commissioner Jerome Warfield, Commissioner Adela Rivera. Sitting in for Chief Evans is Assistant Chief Ralph Godbee. Glad to have you with us today.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: We have the staff person of the year, Mrs. Celia Washington, Chief Investigator Sheard, Director of Police Personnel, Ms. Watson. I don't see Lieutenant Daniel

RECORDER BROWN: He's in the back.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay. Leslie Griffin, I saw her, she's here. Police Officer Kent Cooper is somewhere on the premises. Police Officer Terence Bell and Robert Brown are our recorders today. Request for approval of the agenda.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: So move.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded.

All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Request for approval of last meetings minutes.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: So move.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded.

All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: On our agenda we were expecting the Department of Justice Monitors. They're addressing the Consent Decree. I don't see them so we'll revisit that on the agenda.

Are we prepared for the Secretary's Report today?

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: May I?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Yes, you may.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Celia Washington. Just as a point of record. The Chair has requested that the Secretary's Report be revamped and we will follow up in the new format as instructed.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Give me a date, please.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Within the next two weeks we should be able to pull together some more meaningful data.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Give me a date.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: The first meeting of December.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay. The first meeting in December (December 3, 2009) we will have a more revised Secretary's Report concerning data gathered by the Office of the Chief Investigator. Thank you so much.

Assistant Chief Godbee, there's a presentation, according to the agenda, on traffic enforcement.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Yes, sir, Mr. Chair. We have Lieutenant Harold Rochon who is the commanding officer of the unit who will be making the presentation on behalf of the department. And also with him is Officer Sydney Bryant.

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: Good afternoon. I am Harold Rochon. Basically the responsibility of the Traffic Enforcement Unit is to provide safety in regards to motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic within the City of Detroit. Some of the responsibilities are we enforce all of the traffic rules and codes for the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit. We also provide escorts for dignitaries such as the president and vice president and any other statesmen that come to the City of Detroit. We also provide escorts for large funerals or special events that people request to have escorts. So we also provide that from time to time.

Another one of the responsibilities for Traffic Enforcement is we train other law enforcement agencies throughout the State on motorcycle traffic enforcement. When you see the guys in the summertime, most of the time they are on motorcycles. We will train other law enforcements within the state to provide traffic enforcement on motorcycles. Also we will train them on how to provide escorts and they will work with us on major escorts like when the Vice President was here last week. We incorporate ourselves with the State Police, sometimes with Wayne County, and sometimes with some other law enforcements that are close to the City of Detroit. We also investigate fatal and nonfatal accidents when necessary. Now, although they have traffic enforcement within the precinct, if they become overloaded we are the support. Our unit will provide investigative tools to those officers who need it when necessary.

One of our big things in Traffic Enforcement is we're involved in an enormous amount of proactive policing, and that means that when we're out there, whatever area that we're in, crime has gone down, and that's actually the results of us not just patrolling in the area, but we have contact with the citizens, which means we don't just give tickets. A lot of people see the white cars and they think that we are out just giving tickets, but we also educate. Everybody that we stop does not get a ticket. A lot of people do get tickets, but it's not to cause them any harm. It's to educate them and that's why we're out there. A lot of times when we're out there, some of our supervisors will go to some of the businesses and to people who are out within the community and talk to them about their issues

within that specific community whether it is the stop signs that are within the community that people run or yield signs that people go past. My officers, my supervisors, will go out and talk to those people so that we can add additional manpower to those specific areas to eliminate those specific issues.

I'm also responsible for the crossing guards within the City of Detroit. What a lot of people don't know is that the Detroit Police Department is responsible for providing crossing guards not only with the public schools but for the private and charter schools as well within the City of Detroit. We're also responsible for making sure that we're involved within the Safe Passage where kids are walking to school. We're also responsible for providing patrols in those areas where children walk back and forth to school, we do that also. In the summertime, we provide a camp for the crossing guards as well as the safety patrol officers and we talk about things like better ways to improve what we're doing already and if we need to add more crossing guards to a specific area. We supervise the crossing guards, we pay the crossing guards, we train the crossing guards, and we also hire the crossing guards, and all of that is done within my unit.

I'm responsible for the weights and measures, which those are the officers that stop the big trucks that are going across the roads. We investigate them if they're overloaded. One good thing about that is this: Five years ago we didn't have a lot of motor carrier officers. As a result of our motor carrier officers being involved we have probably generated, so far this year, about \$150,000-\$200,000 that comes directly to the City of Detroit

for those truckers that are in violation of some of the road codes. My guys also have the authority to enforce City, State, and Federal laws that motor carriers--it's not just for the City of Detroit or for the State of Michigan, but it's for the entire country. So anytime that they're overloaded or they cross a bridge incorrectly or they're driving too fast, and so forth, my guys are responsible to issue them citations.

We also inspect and approve bond plates. Some years ago the limousine business increased. A lot of those people were not getting those bond plates. Well, my guys now--in order for you to get a bond plate, you have to come see us and we make sure that you get a bond plate, which also generates money for the City of Detroit. We also inspect junk dealers, those people riding around collecting the stuff and putting it in the back of the trucks, we also inspect those vehicles and inspect the licenses to ensure that they have the proper license in order to collect those items that they collect along the roads.

I'm also responsible for the Fatal Squad. The Fatal Squad, what they do is they investigate any fatal accident that happens within the City of Detroit or serious accidents where someone is injured. They investigate those types of accidents. They also investigate--if there is an accident in the City, what they'll do is they'll view all the accident reports to make sure that they are complete and accurate and if there are any discrepancies, then those guys who are trained will look it over and if it's necessary to issue a citation then they will, or if there are corrections

that need to be made then they will make those corrections prior to sending it on to the State of Michigan. So that's pretty much what we do.

The big thing is--the difference between us and regular patrol officers is that we have contact with the citizens. The biggest way to stop crime, in my opinion, is not just riding up and down the streets, but to also have contact with the citizens. That means talk to the people, touch them. I always say put your hands on them. We can't put our hands on them, but shake their hands and talk to them. Prior to me coming to Traffic Enforcement, about five years ago, I did a study on my own because I travel around the country, and what I found is that anywhere that there is traffic enforcement, crime went down significantly, and I can say that crime goes down almost 90 percent in any area that you see one of those white cars with traffic enforcement on the side. That's pretty much all that I have. Do you have any questions?

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioners, any questions?

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I have a couple of questions for your Fatal Accident Squad. I was working in the field and I noticed, talking to the officers in that particular department, that because of vacations, retirements, and whatever that there is so much short. So are you saying that your department makes up for the shortages when that particular squad is low on manpower?

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: That unit is responsible to me so if they're short then I will provide them with someone else from my unit who is able to do the exact same thing that they do, and they are short.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Second question. With school crossings and your cars being present, how does the community get in contact with you if they felt like they needed greater police presence on the streets as relates to very busy school crossings or crossings where cars are just zooming up and down the street?

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: What normally happens is they'll call my office or either the Traffic Safety Office and what the traffic safety people will do is go out and do a survey of that area. We have a vehicle that does not look like a police vehicle and it just watches that area or the area that people are complaining about to see how busy it is and what's needed in that area, and after they give me a report, most of the time, I will try to put someone there if I feel that it's necessary.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner Rivera.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Where's your unit located?

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: My unit is currently located on Trumbull and I-94. We just moved over there so I don't know the exact address. We're housed in the same building as our Tactical Mobile Unit and our Gang Squad.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner Warfield kind of got into the question that I wanted to ask about deployment strategy and you kind of answered that how you all deploy because clearly there are some spots in the City where we need your visibility and your monitoring. In the past, the old 11th precinct down in the Northeast District, I even offered the commanders an opportunity to use the church driveway and I told them that they would probably write enough tickets to fund the police department for several years

in that stretch of East Outer Drive that changed into East State Fair. So what you're saying is that based on complaints that you get, you send out an individual to monitor the area and if it in fact lines up with the complaints then that's basically how you go about doing a deployment?

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: No, that's the crossing guard.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay. So that's the crossing guard.

LIETENANT ROCHON: How I deploy my people is based on the crime stats. We look at the crime stats and see where we have our most problems and then I'll deploy my people in that area. What we have coming up is a city wide traffic enforcement event that is coming up in the next couple of weeks and we're going to do some different things to try and make it safer. One of the reasons that I did the study is because I noticed in traveling--I would travel going out to Fairlane I would get on the Southfield Freeway. When I got to Rotunda everybody slowed down. I'm thinking why are these people slowing down, and this is whether there are police cars or not, but they believe that the police cars are out there. So that started picking my curiosity, and I found two things to be true in my career. Bad people don't want two things: They don't want to go to court to pay a traffic ticket and they don't want to have to pay child support. So those two things cause people to--

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: There's one other thing, Lieutenant, that I can help you with from my own experience, and this is not--because your Chief has already identified it so I'm just going to speak to it. When you go outside the borders of Detroit, the bad people know that if they get

stopped, if there's a legitimate traffic stop, if you don't have a license, you don't have these things, you have federal warrants on you, you're going to go to jail. People in Detroit, the bad guys don't believe that you're going to stop them. They don't believe that they're going to go to jail. They don't believe that anything is going to happen and that's a statement of fact. Your own Chief, because I've done ride arounds with him, and individuals that we stopped that did not have a valid Michigan driver's license or any license at all, when we stopped them and asked them if you were in Dearborn or in Farmington Hills every single one, 100 percent of them said if we were outside the City of Detroit we would go to jail and our cars would be towed, but they felt like there was absolutely no risk and no consequence for them driving in the City any kind of way that you want to drive, and that's with and without a license.

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: It's interesting that you say that because what we did last week--I did an arrest, tow, and ticket. Every person that we stopped that did not have a valid driver's license went to jail.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Good.

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: Every car that we stopped that should not have been on the road was towed and one day in a two hour period we arrested 20 people and we towed 36 vehicles. So that's something that we have in the future. I didn't just want to put it out there, but we're going to enhance that effort. We just kind of critique it a little bit to make it smoother and easier on everyone.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: And the reason I'm bringing it up is because you talked about deployment based on statistics that dealt with crime areas and this to me is a deterrent.

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I think that it's great policing and I appreciate what you're doing.

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: I also say to my guys that we are not crime fighters. The Traffic Enforcement Unit, we are not a crime fighting unit. We're a crime preventing unit, and we have been very successful statistically wherever we are. Crime goes down I would say about 90 percent and within a one mile radius of wherever we are patrolling, and that's not just because we are patrolling, it's because we are having contact with the people that are within the City.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Officer Bryant does about half of that all by himself.

(Everyone Laughs in response to Griffin's joke.)

OFFICER BRYANT: If I may.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: You may.

OFFICER BRYANT: As far as with the towing and the ticketing of cars, you know, quite contrary to what you were saying, you know, I'm out there all the time, and these guys are starting to take notice that now we are starting to take their cars. And a lot of things that I notice is that they would rather go to jail than to have their cars taken away, a lot of times.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Well, there's no question. And not to debate you. It's not contrary to what I'm saying. It's because of what you're doing and that word has to continue to get out and you've got to keep doing it, you've got to keep doing it.

OFFICER BRYANT: Well, when you see what's coming up it amazes me the work that they've done. And I've been doing all the grunt work and since I've been over there, this is an awesome unit, this is an awesome unit.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Wonderful. Congratulations. You're doing a great job. Keep it up. We appreciate you. Thank you so much.

LIEUTENANT ROCHON: Thank you.

OFFICER BRYANT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Next on the agenda is Standing Committee Reports. We have a report from our personal subcommittee. Commissioner Okdie.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Okay. This is not going to be a very lengthy report. Within the last ten days, two weeks, people probably noticed that we don't have our Board Secretary at the table. The Secretary submitted his resignation to the Board and I am reporting that the resignation has been brought to our attention and I would like to move that the Board accept the resignation letter with the provision that Secretary Goss be allowed to burn out his vacation time through January the 12th.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: So move.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Second.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: It's been properly moved and seconded.

All those in favor please acknowledge by the usual sign of aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: All those opposed say nay.

(No nays were present or recorded.)

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: That concludes my report.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you, Commissioner. We're going to go back. We've got some distinguished--their not guests. They will be a part of our family for a while and I'm going to have Assistant Chief Ralph Godbee, if you would introduce these distinguished gentlemen that have joined us.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. On behalf of Chief Warren Evans, it's my pleasure to introduce our newly appointed Independent Monitor, Chief Robert Warshaw and the Deputy Monitor, Deputy Monitor Lesby and Deputy Monitor Reynolds. At this time, if its appropriate, I would ask Chief Warshaw if he would approach the podium and any remarks or comments that he would like to make for the record.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I would like to give a little background about our two deputy monitors. I had an opportunity to meet with the Chairman and we discussed a variety of issues, and I found that, Mr. Chairman, to be a fruitful dialog. Our Deputy Monitors, as you will be seeing them often, is Mr. Tom Lesby. Mr. Lesby's background is a

distinguished career as a member of the FBI. He retired as a Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI and his FBI career was proceeded by a career in the state of California and various local agencies.

Our other Deputy Monitor is Chief Charles Reynolds. Chief Reynolds is a former President of the International Association of the Chief of Police. He was one of the original Commissioners for CALA that's the Commissioners to the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. He was Chief of Police in several locations and in the New England area and has worked along with myself and Mr. Lesby in various agreements or judgments similar to the one we have before us in the City of Detroit.

We do have a full team. This week it has been a very robust week. We have ten people here that have been dispatched to various locations in the City of Detroit in various facilities. We've been looking at any number of files, any number of systems trying to learn as much as we can about the Detroit Police Department. As the Commission is no doubt aware that our protocols will be similar with the protocols of previous monitors. Our team visit is followed by comprehensive reports in order to get back on track based on the absence of monitoring during the intermit period. We will be reporting to the parties on the compliance for the vote judgments as pertains to the months of June, July, August, and September. A report will be submitted in its final form on January 15th. We'll be coming to the city on a fairly regular basis to meet with the parties and to meet with the Courts and I'm sure that as time and circumstances warrant it, Mr. Chairman, that we'll have the opportunity sit down with you.

We understand that this has been a process system that's been going on for six years. We're quite sure that the Commission is supportive of the changes that have to be made. We're pleased with the measure of cooperation what we've received from Chief Evans and his staff, and we believe, while these processes are generally not collaborative processes, we certainly believe that we can compliment the best efforts of the Detroit Police Department and hopefully have some significant progress so the Detroit Police Department can be everything it should be and wants to be in the services of the good citizens of Detroit. So we appreciate the opportunity to be here today.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much. As Mr. Warshaw stated, we had an opportunity to have an excellent discussion, very candid. We laid some things out on the table, and I was extremely impressed with the background of his organization, as he's already introduced the Deputy Monitors. I've also spoken to Chief Evans and we're going to be working on the process by which we will be giving updates to the community. The Board of Police Commissioners is the representative of the community, and we also put together some forms for you to fill out with any questions that you might have and we'll sit down and discuss those issues and we'll get to you with the information on some regularly scheduled ongoing basis to be determined.

I'd like to also state this for the record, for Mr. Lesby and Mr. Reynolds, I promise you, okay, that when you leave with respect, I'm going to be selfish, with the Board of Police Commissioners, you will be able to use us to tell other Police Commissions around the country that Detroit is

a model Police Commission. We're going to do it by the numbers and we're going to do it by the charter and by the city code with no respective persons. We're going to do our jobs and we welcome you. You should also know that we're aware of where we are with the Office of the Chief Investigator and the Consent Decree and I promise you Chief Investigator Sheard, he will not only be able to walk on water, he will be able to create it if necessary, and that's no pressure on him. We'll get the job done. I'm so happy to have you all. Commissioners, do you have anything that you would like to--

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: I would like to add that I did manage to see one of our Deputy Monitors at the NACOLE convention. He gave us some insight on citizens and what we do in representing the city. So it's nice to see that you keep in touch and you're up to date on what's going on.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Glad to see you, too, Commissioner.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Commissioner Okdie.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Technical question, not real technical, just informal. With regards to the mandate dates for compliance are those--all of those dates are going to change, I'm assuming.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Commissioner, I just want to make sure that I understand the question. You're talking about the dates--

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: The compliance dates set forth in the decree with regards to--

CHIEF WARSHAW: When certain things are to be completed by?

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: That's correct.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Well, as of now those have stayed the same notwithstanding the fact that there have been certain amendments and judgments that have changed certain timeframes in which certain deliverables must be forth coming from this point.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: There were specific dates which were set forth with regards to this particular unit and those dates have come and gone so that's specifically why I'm asking the question about whether or not--whether you're going to revisit the mandated compliance dates or how are you going to handle that?

CHIEF WARSHAW: Well, I want to make sure we're talking about the same thing. Are you talking about the Office of the Chief Investigator?

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Exactly.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Okay. Are you talking about the time Duration of the completion of investigations?

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Yes, sir.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Okay. Well, obviously--

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Well, there are a number of issues, but that's just one of them.

CHIEF WARSHAW: Right. I mean, obviously this is our first visit and I think in order for us to even consider that which would normally transpire in a dialogue with the parties, that I think we would have to have this first visit behind us.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Makes sense.

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Old business.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Thank you, Commission.

Celia Washington on behalf of the Board. Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to follow-up and provide some closure on some of the issues that were raised during last week's community meeting. Several mandates and instructions we're given by the Chair. First, copies of the presentation. You wanted to make sure that anybody that wanted a copy of the presentation--

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Oh, excuse me. I'm glad that you're bringing that up. Would somebody make sure that the monitors get a copy of the power point presentation as well as minutes to the last meeting, please. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: No, problem. In that regard, copies were mailed out and emailed to anyone that gave us their information last week, so that's been done, as well as copies today for those who are present who didn't get a copy. Second, Chair, you asked that the public get a copy of your letter to Judge Cook as well as Judge Cook's response be made available to anybody who wanted it. We have copies of that today. With regards to the facilitator, we have contacted two potential facilitators who we intend to solicit their Pro bono services, but they come highly recommended. One a doctor from Wayne State and another individual who we are in the process of making dates happen so that the department personnel from Gang Squad are present, that the Commissioners are present, and the members of the community are present so that we can all get together and make

this happen. Finally, I've been talking with Ms. Ruffin. She and I are still working--she had a concern about the ticket and tow. We're going to meet after the meeting again. She raised some very valid concerns and I talked to Commander Lee about what system is going on now, so we've got some dialogue going. So I'm going to take her concerns and I'm going to try to work them into the solution and propose it to the Board.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: By the first Board meeting in December can we have something where dates, definitive dates with respect to the conflict resolution of the gang squad in the community as well as a response to Ms. Ruffin's concerns?

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: We should have them for you next week, sir.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Okay.

SUPERVISNG ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Any questions? Okay. It's at the point on our agenda where next Tuesday, being the holiday week, instead of Thursday, we'll be meeting Tuesday, November 24th here at 3 o'clock. That's Tuesday instead of Thursday, same time. Tuesday, November 24th instead of Thursday, which, of course, is a holiday. Oral communications from the audience. All those who have questions or concerns or comments please line up. Everyone that wants to speak, line up.

EDWARD MOORE: Good afternoon to the Board, Chief, Assistant Chief, and to Detroit's finest. My name is Edward Moore. I am a liaison of the Honorable Kwami Kenyatta, our Detroit City Councilman. Warm greetings

from his office. I just wanted to say to the Board, I personally feel that you are doing a good job. You are making my job very, very easy. The remarks that you're getting are mostly A's and just a few B's. And to our Assistant Chief, I want you to continue doing a good job for our people. By me being all over the City of Detroit, our people are crying for help. Crime is rampant. The pressure is on. You're putting the pressure at the right point of the places where the pressure needs to be. We want you to continue putting on the pressure for our people. And for the Board, to our Chief, and to our Detroit finest from Councilman Kenyatta, this is your office so use this office. Yes, he sits there, but it is your office so use your office. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Thank you so much.

There will be no one else after Ms. Hernandez.

PASTOR HARVEY JENNINGS: Thank you, Reverend Griffin. My name is Pastor Harvey Jennings and I pastored at Montrose, Michigan for a while. This coming Sunday, I received a new pastorate at New World Community Church on Willis Street right around the Wayne State area. I'm no stranger to the City and I just thank you for this opportunity.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: We're not letting y'all have another church.

(Everyone laughs in response to Griffin's
joke.)

PASTOR JENNINGS: My dad has been a Pastor for over 50 years in Detroit and I have brothers that are pastoring, but really I'm here

today--I'm a director of the Last Chance Program with other people that some call the worse, but I call the highest risk young people, usually men, who basically have been washed out of every other program. That's one of the main things that I do. That need is a dire need in the inner city and that's why I came from Montrose to here. I wanted to be in Detroit and I left a larger church to do that. This is not about that as much as it is about--I have my three sons here and they share parenting time with their mother. We are divorced and this past weekend the brother who is a Sergeant in the police force literally terrorized them all weekend.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'm going to stop you right there, Pastor Jennings. For the record, legally and all of that, don't mention the name, okay. But also I have the Assistant Chief here and they will address your issue right now.

PASTOR JENNINGS: Right. Okay. So leave names out.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Right. But you tell them and they're going to address it right now, and I'll get an update within about a week whether or not you've been serviced. That gentleman right there will take your complaint and deal with it right now. I wasn't cutting you off.

PASTOR JENNINGS: No, thank you. That saves time.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Tell all your brothers I said hello.

PASTOR JENNINGS: I will. Thank you I appreciate it.

PHYLLIS HERNANDEZ: Hello, Commissioners. Phyllis Hernandez for Casino Towing. I just have some questions and comments on last week's towing presentation. I'm trying to really figure out the process, and what I

got from your presentation is the Board of Police Commissioners is responsible for the RFP that will be submitted to the City Council by the end of January because they're not supposed to vote on a moratorium until the end of January about the towing. So I'm trying to figure out how, if I heard you right, the towing companies we're going to be made to reapply for contracts in the next 30 days. So I'm trying to figure out how we'll have the opportunity to reapply for contracts when City Council hasn't voted on a moratorium. I don't get it.

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: I'm going to help you like this. I want Ms. Hernandez to be given a copy of the presentation as well as the minutes. Read the minutes.

PHYLLIS HERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah. I understood that, but I still don't understand how--

CHAIRPERSON GRIFFIN: Read the minutes and then if the minutes don't clarify your questions then you can come back again and we'll address them. Read the minutes. Thank you. There will be no others. Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting is adjourned at 3:38 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

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